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SUBJECT: 7TH SPECIAL SESSION--NEGOTIATING GROUP NO. 2 (STATUS OF
SECTION V - FOOD AND AGRICULTURE)

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1. FOLLOWING A TWO HOUR HASSLE BETWEEN EC-9 AND, TO A
LESSER EXTENT, JAPAN WITH THE G-77 DURING WHICH THEY TRIED
UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REMOVE EXPLICIT REFERENCES TO THE TONNAGE
AMOUNTS OF FOOD GRAIN RESERVES AND INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY
RESERVES FROM PARAS 12 AND 13 OF REF, NEGOTIATING
GROUP 2 FINISHED ITS REMAINING WORK ON THE OUTSTANDING PARAS
(5, 12 AND 13) OF SECTION V -- FOOD AND AGRICULTURE BY:

A) FIRST APPROVING A REVISED NEW PARAGRAPH

12 (QUOTED BELOW), WHICH COMBINES THE PREVIOUSLY
PROPOSED PARAS 12 AND 13; AND

B) LASTLY, APPROVING PARA 5 AFTER THE US DELEGATION,

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AS THE ONLY DELEGATION WITH A PREVIOUS RESERVATION, IN

THE SPIRIT OF CONSENSUS RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO THE THE
REMOVAL OF THE BRACKETS AROUND THE FIRST WORD OF THE
PARAGRAPH QUOTE DEVELOPED UNQUOTE.

2. THE NEW PARA 12, REPLACING PROPOSED PARAS 12 AND 13
OF SECTION V AS SENT IN REF A, READS AS FOLLOWS: "ALL
COUNTRIES SHOULD SUBSCRIBE TO THE INTERNATIONAL UNDER-
TAKING ON WORLD SECURITY. THE SHOULD BUILD UP
AND MAINTAIN WORLD FOOD GRAIN RESERVES, TO BE HELD
NATIONALLH OR REGIONALLY AND STRATEGICALLY LOCATED IN
DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING, IMPORTING AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES,
LARGE ENOUGH TO COVER FORESEEABLE MAJOR PRODUCTION
SHORTFALLS. INTENSIVE WORK SHOULD BE CONTINUED ON A
PRIORITY BASIS IN THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND OTHER
APPROPRIATE FORA IN ORDER TO DETERMINE, INTER
ALIA, THE SIZE OF THE REQUIRED RESERVE, TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT AMONG OTHER THINGS THE PROPOSAL MADE AT THIS
SESSION, THAT THE COMPONENTS OF WHEAT AND RICE IN THE
TOTAL RESERVE SHOULD BE 30 MILLION TONS. THE WORLD FOOD
COUNCIL SHOULD REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THIS
MATTER AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
SHOULD ASIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO
BUILD UP AND MAINTAIN THEIR AGREED SHARES OF SUCH
RESERVES. PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
WORLD FOOD-GRAIN RESERVE, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO, SHOULD EARMARK
STOCKS AND/OR FUNDS TO BE PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF
THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME AS AN EMERGENCY RESERVE TO
STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF THE PROGRAMME TO DEAL WITH
CRISIS SITUATIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE AIM
SHOULD BE A TARGET OF NOT LESS THAN 500,000 TONS."

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NEGOTIATING GROUP NOM 2'S
APPROVAL OF THE NEW PARAGRAPH 12 CONTAINS TWO APPRO-
VALS (AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN) GIVEN AD REFERNDUM AND A
RESERVATION ON THE PART OF THE EC-9 LIMITED TO THE WORDS
QUOTE BE PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF UNQUOTE IN THE
SECOND PORTION OF THE PARA. THE EC-9 IN A LAST DITCH
ATTEMPT TO SAME A SMALL PORTION OF ITS ORIGINAL POSI-
TION ATTEMPTEDTO HAVE THE G-77 AGREE TO REPLACE THE
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ABOVE QUOTED PHRASE WITH THE WORDS QUOTE BY MADE
AVAILABLE NOTABLY THROUGH UNQUOTE. THE G-77 WOULD HAVE
NO PART OF ITS AND SO WHEN THE EC-9 FINALLY SAID IT WOULD
GO ALONG WITH HOW THE CHAIRMAN WOULD RULE ON THE MATTER
IN QUESTION, IT WAS SEEMINGLY TOLD (IN A VAGUELY WORDED
DECISION) IT COULD MAKE ANY KIND OF STATEMENT ON THE
MATTER IT CHOSE TO MAKE TO THE FULL AD HOC COMMITTEE
AT THE PROPER TIME; AND/OR THAT IT COULD HAVE ITS

RESERVATION ON THE PHRASE IN QUESTION OR ITS SUGGESTED
ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE INCLUDED AS A FOOTNOTE TO THE
TEXT. HOWEVER ITS ALTERNATIVE TEXT COULD NOT BECOME
A BRACKETED PART OF THE TEXT ITSELF. THE EC-9 MADE
NO REPLY TO THE CHAIRMAN'S RULING.
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